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For: DEVICE FOR ACQUIRING AND)	
MONITORING THE DEVELOPMENT)	
OF A PRODUCT-RELATED VARIABLE,)	
AND PRODUCT MONITORING)	
SYSTEM COMPRISING SUCH A)	
DEVICE)	

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